

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Divisional Application of USSN: 09/508,458

Group Art Unit: **1742**

**TSUCHIYA, et al.**

Examiner: **Sikyin Ip**

Serial No.: **Unassigned**

Filed: **Herewith**

For. **THIXOCAST FE-BASED ALLOY MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR HEATING  
THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 9, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: